

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims and the remarks as outlined in the previously filed Amendment and Response of June 30, 2006.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of the present patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If Examiner Steadman believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, he is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the undersigned respectfully requests that our deposit account 50-2821 be charged any required fees, and/or be credited with any overpayments.

Respectfully submitted,

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